

CTIC Committee Meeting
November 21, 2019

Members Present: Amy Johnson, Terri Hess, Shawn Reagan, Abby Jarnot, Amie Wetzel, Lauren Kaduk, Julie Johnson, Kayla Collins, Vicki Waytashek, Brian Valentini, Valerie Larkin, Julie Hanley, Holly Sunderman

We talked about the Transition event that will be held on March 27th from 3-6 at Atwood Ballroom. The sub-committee will meet again the first part of December. The event will be called Taste of Transition: Meet, Greet and Eat. It will be designed mainly for teachers and case managers who would like to learn more about all of the resources available in the St. Cloud area for transition aged students.

To Do:

- Ask teachers what they would like to learn at the event (Amy J, Lauren)
- Design posters, invitations, and flyers to advertise the event (Foley?)
- Move the CTIC money in our account from ARC to SCSU (Terri, Brian)
- Check out Evenbright as an option for tickets for the event (Amy J)

Career Force – Voc Rehab: Kathy Fischer retired. There have been staff changes throughout the organization. There is a new team working with Pre-ETS – pre-employment transition services. They are working with schools to ensure that there is training for students in this area. Parents and IEP teams can now go straight to sub-minimum wage if deemed appropriate for students without having to go through the long evaluation process.

Benton County: Vicki introduced Julie Hanley who will be taking more transition aged students and Angel who will be taking younger students. Benton County will be opening an office in St. Cloud that will have financial workers, public health workers and MNChoice staff to make it easier for families to access these services without having to go all the way to Foley.

Sherburne County: Amie talked about a new initiative called Waiver Reimagined where there is work being done to combine all 4 of the county waiver programs into one. This will take some time, but will make the process easier to navigate.

Independent Lifestyles: Shawn and Abby talked about IL 24 – a service for people wanting to live on their own, but need some support. Specialists work with consumers, and have a 24hour call line that they can use. There is a great system in place to screen potential roommates and an app that is used for keeping track of personal information. They also talked about IL starting Pre-ETS services.

New Frontiers: Lots of great things happening at New Frontiers. They have 15 current students that just got done with bell ringing. There are possible opportunities to get paid work through Salvation Army. They are looking for fundraiser ideas, and are exploring some of the programs at SCTCC. They are using Infinitec to train students. There will be a mixer on March 11th for Foley and CO2.

SCSU: Brian is the PI for a 10,000 dollar grant to address interagency collaboration. He also offered students to volunteer for our transition event.

Goodwill: There has been Pre-ETS training for students at Tech, as well as a class at the store for the work-based learning students, focusing on employment and career readiness.

Project Challenge: St. Cloud Community Ed is working on their new catalog and classes are going well. The Project Challenge Singers are getting ready for their Holiday show at Great Theatre. There is talk of perhaps more funding going to DD programs which would be huge as there hasn't been an increase for a long time.

ARC: Terri was here for ARC. She shared a job description for Cindy's position, that hopefully will be filled soon. Potpourri is on!

Bridges Transition Program: Bridges is looking a little different this year. Amy has 18 full time Bridges Students and Lauren has 6. She also has 11 Junior and Senior students who are pre-Bridges that take transition classes. Amy is teaching a Work Seminar class for the Special Ed Work Program. It's been busy, but great. They have many students working paid jobs, and have many non-paid crews in the community. Opportunity Services has been coming in to teach job skills classes.

Our next meeting will be on February 27th at 2:00. SCSU will host.